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SIR:

This is responsive to the Office Action mailed

November 1, 2005, the term for response to which expires on

December 1, 2005.

ELECTION 1

Applicants hereby elect Group I, claims 3-11 and 22-30, drawn to a fluorescence microscope with a laser oscillation unit, for further prosecution on the merits, without traverse.

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ELECTION II

Applicants hereby elect Species A, Fig. 1, for further prosecution on the merits, without traverse.

CLAIMS READABLE ON ELECTED SPECIES

The claims readable on elected Species A, Fig. 1 and Group I, are claims 1-3.

It is respectfully requested that prosecution on the merits now proceed on the basis of the election set forth above.

It is respectfully submitted that this submission is fully responsive to the outstanding Office Action.

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If the Examiner has any comments, questions, objections or recommendations, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the telephone number given below for prompt action.

Respectfully submitted,

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